

Elimination of child labour in Andhra Pradesh

*389. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a project has been launched in Andhra Pradesh funded by the Department for International Development of UK with the co-operation of ILO for elimination of child labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to extend such action in other States?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The objective of the project is to contribute to the elimination of child labour in India with an immediate focus on bringing about substantial reduction of the number of child labour in Andhra Pradesh through development and implementation of replicable pilot interventions.

The Budget for the project is US \$ 4.5 million. The duration of the project is 24 months.

(c) No such proposal is pending at present.

Incentive for investment in highways

*390. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any special incentives for private sectors who are desirous of investments in highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of the private sector companies has shown interest for investment in highways; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.